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## REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

### THE CHAOS IN RUSSIA.

#### Starvation Predicted for Petrograd.

London, January 27.  
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that owing to the peasants refusing to sell grain for depreciated paper and roubles, the closing of the Ukrainian and other granaries, and the disorganisation of transport, the inhabitants of Petrograd, including many thousands of undisciplined soldiery, will shortly be faced by starvation.

It appears that civil war is spreading to Finland, where Russian soldiers and sailors are apparently co-operating with the Finnish Red Guards.

The Maximalists claim successes at various places in South Russia, notably Sebastopol, where it is reported that the naval forces which had sided with the Soviets and the Reds were dispersed.

Owing to the Maximalists arresting the leaders of Polish military organisations, the Polish Legionaries have occupied several railway stations in the Government of Moghileff and disarmed the Russian garrisons.

### AERIAL FIGHTS AT THE FRONT.

#### Sixteen Enemy Machines Accounted For.

London, January 27.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, states:—Our aeroplanes bombed large railway sidings at Courtrai and billets at Roulers. There was hard fighting all along the line, greatly in our favour. We brought down ten and drove down six enemy machines, and one of ours is missing.

Our night fliers last night dropped eight tons of explosives and bombed five large aerodromes in the neighbourhood of Ghent and billets in the vicinity of Douai. One hundred and sixty bombs were dropped on a new aerodrome to the west of Tournai. All our machines returned.

### RUSSIA'S NAVY.

#### All Sailors Given Political Freedom.

London, January 27.  
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that a Decree has been issued providing that the personnel of the Navy shall consist of citizens all having the same rights. Every sailor shall be entitled to belong to any political party and to profess openly his views. The entire Commanding personnel shall be elected by universal suffrage.

### THE PLAGUE IN NORTH CHINA.

#### Hopes that Outbreak will be Controlled.

London, January 27.  
Reuter's correspondent at Peking states that the plague has spread inside the Great Wall towards Taiyuan fu, but the authorities are now more active in adopting preventive measures, and it is hoped that the outbreak will soon be controlled.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### THE GERMAN CHANCELLORS' SPEECH.

#### Further British and French Comments.

London, January 27.  
The "Daily News" says: There is an encouraging change of tone in Count von Hertling in that he has chosen to reply in detail to President Wilson's propositions. If the speech is Germany's last word the horizon will be dark, but the last word will be with democratic Germany and her allies, who are moving far more rapidly towards peace.

The "Daily Chronicle" says: Count von Hertling continues the German tradition of regarding every concession of the opposing party as a sign of weakness. Nothing but Germany's defeat will bring a change of heart.

The "Morning Post" says: Having again received proof of Germany's inexhaustible hatred towards England, we will get on with the war.

The "Daily Telegraph" says: Close examination of Count von Hertling's speech does not indicate the slightest change in the Prussian militarist mind. We are in the same position as before and it is useless to talk of peace.

The Hertling and Czernin speeches have evoked considerable biting comment in the Allied capitals. The Paris "Echo de Paris" says the Allies are exchanging views in order to jointly reply. Other newspapers contrast the high moral conception of President Wilson's speech with the arrogant spirit of the enemy declarations. In Rome it is said the two speeches show, with certain gaps, that the enemy war aims are on the basis of the "status quo" before the war except as regards the Baltic provinces and Poland, on which they are ambiguous. The general sentiment crystallized is that the convention of an exchange of speeches, however noble and wise, with the Central Empires, is characterised as a mere waste of breath.

#### "A Real Masterpiece."

Amsterdam, January 27.  
The "Vorwaerts" says the speech is a real masterpiece as it can be interpreted both in favour of the annexationists and pacifists.

### ALLIED NAVAL CO-OPERATION.

London, January 27.  
The Allied Naval Conference this week reviewed the whole question of naval co-operation.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### CHA'S IN RUSSIA.

#### Cossacks Begin to Move.

London, January 27.  
A wireless message from Russia says that a Congress of Cossacks from the front was inaugurated at Kamensk on the 23rd inst., at which twenty-three regiments and five batteries were represented and also all the participants in the Voronez Conference which has been labouring for Cossackdom.

General Kaledin ordered the dispersal of the Congress and the arrest of its organisers.

The Congress unanimously passed a resolution of war on General Kaledin, relegating to itself all authority on the Don. They also sent out detachments for the purpose of capturing Likhain and Zergovo and arrested eighteen superior officers.

The Cossacks are fired with enthusiasm. They are striving to end Kaledin, with the assistance of the army of the Workmen and Peasants' Government, with the object of destroying the bourgeoisie of Russia on the Don and leading to the victory of the great revolution.

### Romanians Fighting Russians.

Petrograd, January 27.  
It is reported that Rumanian troops have surrounded Kishineff and are fighting heavily with Bolshevik troops.

Odessa, January 27.  
Four Rumanian Senators and officers arrested here on a charge of espionage have been released at the instance of the Allied Consuls.

It is announced that the Rumanian Government has been forced for self-protection to temporarily occupy certain points in Russian territory.

### A Scotchman's Election.

Petrograd, January 27.  
The Congress of Soviets has elected a Glasgow man named Maclean as honorary President. The Congress of Peasants has been dissolved and its Executive arrested.

### AUSTRIAN AND GERMAN DIFFERENCES.

London, January 27.  
Various incidents of the last few weeks have added to the fuel of the long-standing friction between Germany and Austria. The free Austrian comments on German affairs, the promises given by Count Czernin to the Socialists and the generally conciliatory tone of Count Czernin's speech of yesterday has displeased those German governing circles which command the newspapers, consequently German press comment has been singularly sharp and disagreeable. On the other hand Austria's anxiety for peace is unquestionable. Austrian Liberal-Socialist opinion, which is powerful, resents the arrogant tone and uncompromising attitude of Germany, which makes negotiation impossible and only strengthens the determination of the Allies to prosecute the war.

### FINE TRANSPORTATION RECORD.

London, January 27.  
Reuter is informed that there have been only two thousand casualties among troops afloat since the beginning of the war. Approximately eleven millions of troops have been carried over the seas without casualty.

### THE WESTERN FRONT.

#### Three German Machines Brought Down.

London, January 26.  
A French communique reports artillery actions, sometimes violent, in the Butte du Mesnil and Mort Homme sectors, but no infantry action. French anti-aircraft guns brought down three German machines on Friday.

### Hostile Artillery Active.

London, January 27.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: The enemy raided a post southward of Fontaine les Croisilles. An enemy party was driven off northward of Passchendaele. Hostile artillery is active at Havincourt and Postcapelle.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: We captured a few prisoners in patrol encounters southward of Cambrai. Hostile artillery is active in the Scarpe Valley.

### British Line Extended.

London, January 27.  
A Reuter special message from the British front states that the British have taken over more of the French line. The British front now extends slightly south of St. Quentin.

### AEROPLANES BUSY IN PALESTINE.

London, January 27.  
An official despatch from Palestine states: Our aeroplanes bombed camps and depots westward of Sebastieh and obtained several direct hits. They also surprised two thousand troops in close formation southward of Nablus and dropped half a ton of bombs on them before they could disperse. They also bombed a camp of mounted troops, stampeding the animals.

### DISTURBANCES IN GERMANY.

Amsterdam, January 27.  
In consequence of disturbances at the meetings of the Rathenau Party, the Commander of the Wurttemberg Army Corps has prohibited public meetings in the Stuttgart district.

## FIGHTING MEN'S PAY.

### The New Scale of Increases.

Mr. Bonar Law announced to the House of Commons on November 28 that a decision had been arrived at with regard to the pay of non-commissioned and petty officers and men of the Army and Navy, and that he hopes to make an announcement as to officers before the end of the session. The total increases now announced are estimated to cost about £85,000,000 for the first year, and £89,000,000 for the second, and they will not affect grants made by the Local War Pensions Committee or the Civil Liabilities Committee.

Following are the details of new increases:

Army.  
Compulsory allotments within the limits of 3s. 6d. a week for privates and corporals, and 6s. 10d. a week for higher ranks, will be paid by the State for all arms, without deduction from normal rates of pay.

Privates of infantry will receive a minimum of 1s. 6d. a day, lance-corporals 1s. 9d., corporals 2s. These rates will cover the 3d. hitherto given after two years' service as Class II. proficiency pay. Those who qualify for Class I. proficiency pay will receive an extra 3d. after six months' service instead of two years'. Similar changes, with the same minimum of 1s. 6d., will apply to cavalry and artillery.

Cavalry, artillery, and infantry sergeants and higher ranks drawing Class I. proficiency pay will continue to draw 6d. as at present, but after six months instead of two years, and, in addition, will receive an increase of 3d. a day to their pay.

Royal Engineers, Army Service Corps, Army Ordnance Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps, and Army Veterinary Corps will continue to be rated for Engineer and corps pay as at present, but in no case will regimental pay and Engineer or corps pay together be less than 1s. 6d. a day.

An additional 1d. a day will be given to all British soldiers on normal rates of pay for each complete year's service since the outbreak of war.

Hospital stoppages are abolished, except in cases where the man is in hospital through his own fault.

Men who have completed twenty-two years' service for pension may, if they so elect, have their pensions then assessed and paid to them in addition to their pay, with effect from the outbreak of war.

### Navy and Marines.

The State to take over a portion of the allotment not exceeding 3s. 6d. in the case of allotments amounting to 5s. or more per week, and in the case of smaller allotments to dependents other than wives, such lesser sums will leave the men chargeable with 1s. 6d. per week. In the case of boys whose pay normally does not admit of an allotment in excess of 2s. a week, the State to take 1s. of the allotment.

Additions to pay as follows:  
A.B. ratings ... 2s. a day  
Leading ratings ... 3s. a day  
Petty Officer ratings ... 5s. a day  
Chief Petty Officer ratings 5s. a day with an increase of 3s. a day to A.B. ratings after three years, instead of after six years as at present.

Messing allowances at 7d. (at present 5d.).

Abolition of hospital stoppages. Free kit (now free kit on entry).

Pensions to be paid to men who have completed time for pension and are detained under Proclamation, the same to be retrospective as from the beginning of the war, minus in each case the value of the detained pay already received.

Improved pension for twenty-two years' service.

All these changes taken effect from Sept. 29 last for the Army, and from Oct. 1 last for the Navy. The Departmental regulations to

## COLLISION IN THE HUANGPU.

### C. M. S. Hainkong Badly Damaged.

Says the N. C. Daily News of the 22nd instant:—

A somewhat serious collision occurred in the Huangpu River on Sunday afternoon, between the China Mail Steamship Co.'s str. China, which on her arrival from San Francisco on Saturday (19th inst.) came up river to a berth at the China Merchants' Central Wharf, and the C. M. S. Hainkong, which was at the time of the accident lying at moorings in midstream and was under orders to proceed to Chinwangtao yesterday morning (21st inst.), under charter, to load coal.

What exactly caused the accident has not yet been ascertained. The China left her berth at the wharf at 4 p.m. and in proceeding down river apparently had to change her course in order to avoid contact with a Chinese cargo boat laden with cotton. Being of deep draught, and the present tides being low, she was probably unable to regain sufficient steering way to avoid collision with the Hainkong. It seemed at first possible that the China might scrape contact with the Hainkong and only cut the latter's mooring chain; but the bow of the mail steamer struck into the Hainkong on the port bow, about three feet only from the stem, badly crumpling several plates and doing extensive damage.

The China was able to proceed on her voyage to Hongkong, but it will be necessary for the Hainkong to go into dock. She was to enter the Old Dock last night (21st inst.) and it is reported that the necessary repairs will occupy about three weeks.

### Billard Championship.

In our advertisement columns it is announced that the billiard championship of the Colony, held under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club, is soon to take place, those desiring of entering the competition being requested to send in their names to the Secretary of the Club, Mr. B. C. Widdell, not later than January 31st. The winner of the competition will have to meet Sgt. Pitt, who is the holder of the title, in a game of 1,000 up.

### Burglar Caught Red-Handed.

At the Magistracy this morning, before Mr. Dyer Ball, a man was charged with committing burglary at 41, Lower Lascar Road early this morning. It appeared that he gained entrance to the house by pushing back the bolt of the door. He entered a cubicle, stole a suit of clothing, the jacket of which he put on, and also stole a watch and some money, of the total value of \$13.50. Making a noise by blundering against a door, he awakened the inmate, who seized him and blew a police whistle. Defendant admitted the offence and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

### be issued shortly, will give full details, and will be the only authoritative documents in the event of any question arising as to the application of the new scheme.

Mr. Hogge: Has any money been paid at all, and if not, will it be paid at once?

Mr. Bonar Law: Some has been paid, but not all. I can assure my hon. friend that there will be no difficulty in paying it. Colonel Yates: Can the right hon. gentleman give an assurance that the proposed increase of pay shall apply to officers and men equally?

Mr. Bonar Law: I have already said there is a committee sitting dealing specially with the question of officers' pay. I am not able to give the result, but hope to do so before the end of the session.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

### THE SILVER MARKET.

London, January 28.  
Silver is quoted at 43½. The market is very quiet.

### PENNY POST IN DANGER?

#### An International Air Service.

The Postmaster-General, speaking at a meeting of the Rowland Hill Benevolent Fund at the Mansion House, said that thirty-five years ago 53,000 people were employed in the Post Office, but now the number was nearly a quarter of a million. "I hope," he continued, "that the penny post will continue for ever, but I also hope that my name will not become celebrated as the Postmaster-General who has had to take the retrograde step of abolishing the penny post. What with the greater expense in every direction, the decreased staff, and the immensely increased amount of postal matter to carry, it is most difficult to have the General Post Office business managed in a satisfactory and efficient manner. This question of the abolition of the penny post has been under serious consideration more than once since I assumed the position of Postmaster-General, but so far we have been able to devise some means of getting round the various difficulties and carrying on with the penny post, and I hope that for ever it will be carried on without any alteration. To my mind it is very doubtful whether any increase in the post would be followed by a substantial increase in revenue. It is intended, as soon as the military position will admit, to institute international airmail posts between London and the various principal capitals of Europe. The cash on delivery system would be of great benefit to everybody as soon as sufficient staff is available to undertake the business, which I think would increase enormously."

### Cathedral Meeting.

We are asked to state that the annual meeting of seatholders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral will be held to-morrow in the City Hall at 5.30.

### DON'T FORGET.

#### TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
New Hongkong Cinematograph—9.15 p.m.

#### TO-MORROW.

Horse Golden at Victoria Theatre; 9.15 p.m.  
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
New Hongkong Cinematograph—9.15 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 30.  
Concert at Helens May Institute; 9.15 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 2.  
Opening of Tatum Tak Reservoir; 3.15 p.m.

Theatre Royal—Concert by A. Minovitch and M. Piastro; 9.15 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 7.  
Theatre Royal—Concert by A. Minovitch and M. Piastro; 9.15 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 11.  
Chinese New Year.

Monday, Feb. 25.  
Race Meeting—1st Day.

Tuesday, Feb. 26.  
Race Meeting—2nd Day.

Wednesday, Feb. 27.  
Race Meeting—3rd Day.



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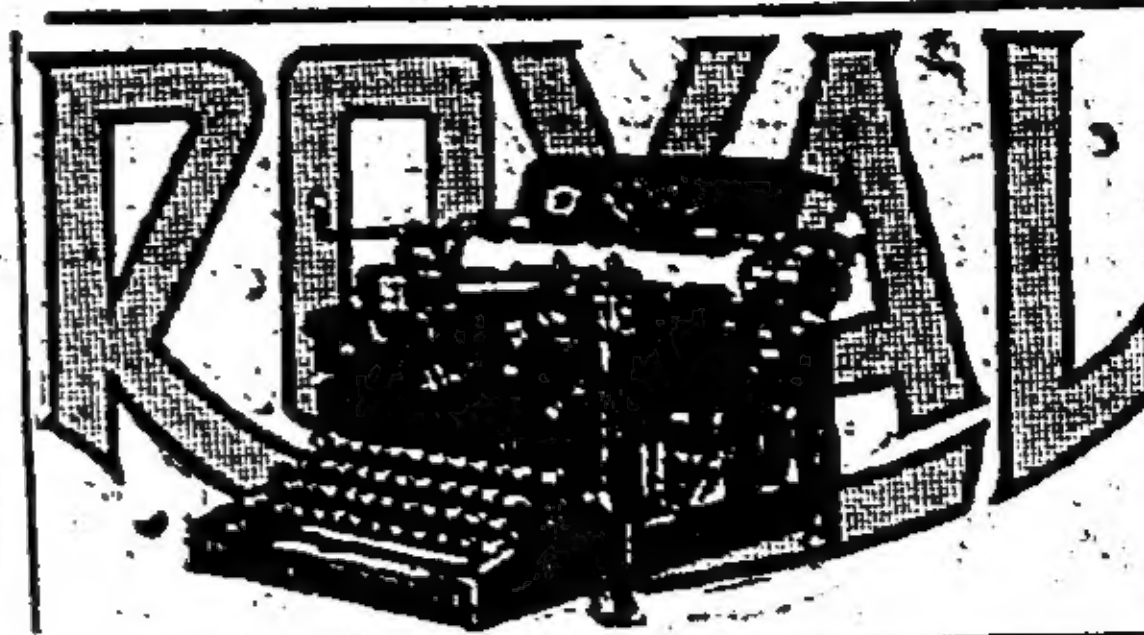
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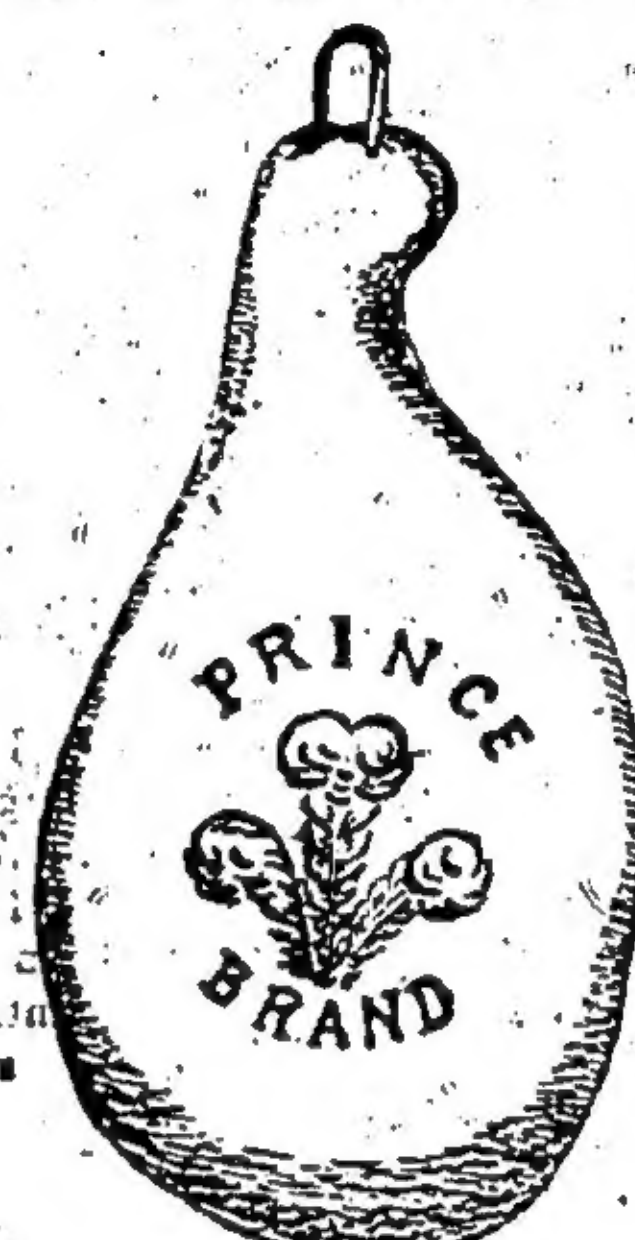
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## GENERAL NEWS.

Ex-jockey to go to The Front.  
Bernard Dillon, the ex-jockey,  
was bound over at the Old Bailey  
on the charge of having wounded  
a waiter at the Cafe Royal. It  
was stated that the military  
authorities desire Dillon's return  
to a machine gun corps, so as to  
be available for a draft overseas.  
The judge said he was glad to  
hear that Dillon was going to a  
place where violence was permiss-  
ed.

Objector's Suicide.  
An inquiry was held at  
Kilburn into the death of Guy  
Edwin Todd, a conscientious  
objector, and member of a non-  
combatant corps, who had served  
a term of imprisonment at Lewes  
for refusing to obey orders. Todd  
was found dead on Monday last  
with a bullet wound in the head.  
It was stated that his health had  
broken down, and he had been  
sent home the previous Saturday.  
A verdict of "Suicide whilst  
temporarily insane" was return-  
ed.

Scene in a London Church.  
A scene took place in the church  
of St. Bartholomew the Great,  
West Smithfield, during the de-  
dication of a war memorial by  
the Bishop of Willesden. The  
Bishop had just declared that the  
shrine would remain for centur-  
ies, when a voice cried: "Per-  
haps!" and someone shouted:  
"Read the Second Command-  
ment!" A struggle ensued be-  
tween the police and the inter-  
rupters, and two or three men  
were led off towards the Old  
Bailey.

Exchanges of Prisoners.  
The Government have for a  
long time made every effort to  
arrive at an agreement with the  
Turkish Government for the ex-  
change of invalid prisoners. The  
Turkish Government are willing  
to send delegates to Switzerland  
to discuss the whole question with  
the British representatives. There  
is a great preponderance of  
Turkish prisoners in British  
hands, their numbers being at  
present probably 45,000, as  
against about 8,000 British and  
Indians in Turkish hands.

Tea Shops and the War.  
Mr. George Harvey, chairman,  
moving the adoption of the report  
at the ordinary general meeting  
of the shareholders of the Aerated  
Bread Co., yesterday, said the  
year's trading resulted in a loss  
of £14,883. The adverse con-  
ditions, he said, were entirely due  
to the war, the cost of food to the  
company, as well as the manage-  
ment expenses having enormously  
increased, and the directors not  
having found it possible to pass  
on the whole of these extra costs  
and charges to customers.

Bloodhounds Long Search.  
An inquiry was held at Chob-  
ham, Surrey, upon Harold van  
der Gucht, solicitor and magis-  
trate's clerk of Workshop who had  
been missing from a local nursing  
home for nine weeks and whose  
remains were found in some  
bushes near the institution. A  
bloodstained razor was lying be-  
side the body. During the search  
for the deceased, bloodhounds had  
been taken three times near the  
spot where the body was found.  
The verdict was that deceased  
committed suicide, but that there  
was no evidence to show the state  
of his mind at the time.

War Marriages.  
Sir Bernard Mallet, the Regis-  
trar-General, in his presidential  
address at the Royal Statistical  
Society, said that the war  
had resulted in England and  
Wales in 200,000 people being  
married between August, 1914,  
and June, 1917, who in the  
ordinary course would not have  
been married. In the matter of  
birth-rate the United Kingdom  
had suffered far less than  
had Germany and Hungary.  
At the outbreak of war the  
population of the  
Central Empires was about two-  
and-a-half times as great as that  
of the United Kingdom; their  
losses of births had apparently  
been ten times as great. For  
some unexplained reason England  
was remarkable for the low ex-  
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## GENERAL NEWS.

Shipowner's £246,000 Will.  
Mr. John Isaac Jacobs, 10, Cumberland-terrace, Regent's Park, N.W., shipowner and broker, left bequests for Jewish and other charities—£246,038.

Dr. Jouvet's Arrest Untrue.  
We are pleased to be able to state that the report which was being circulated in the Capital on Wednesday night concerning the arrest of Dr. Jouvet at Tientsin is inaccurate. Dr. Jouvet has stayed behind at Tientsin in order to assist Dr. Chen in his work at that station. The report of his arrest probably arose from the fact that when the three doctors left Tientsin on Thursday afternoon, Dr. Jouvet was not in the party.

A First Visit.  
The Hon. T. Sammons, American Consul-General at Shanghai, and several other American officials, and a score or more other guests including prominent Chinese officials and business men, dined on Saturday on board the str. China of the China Mail S.S. Co., in celebration of the first berthing of the ship at a Shanghai wharf say the N. O. Daily News of the 21st instant. It was announced that the company will bring out the str. Nanking next month and that both ships will regularly go alongside in the Huangpu. The Nanking was formerly the Congress which was partially burned and has been rebuilt.

Women Smokers.  
"Well, of all the cheek!" This was a popular comment by girl smokers on the suggestion of the Tobacco Controller that, in view of the shortage of tobacco, women ought to stop smoking. "Why should we do all the giving up?" was in effect, the demand of all the female smokers to whom a Daily News representative submitted the suggestion of curbing, that women should never have begun smoking—from an other that, having taken to the habit only recently, they are able much more easily to discard it. "What do women want to smoke at all for?" asked a confirmed male smoker, with Tory tendencies in matters affecting the sex. "It is only a pose, intended to show they're as good as we are—whereas some of us would like to think they are better."

Another Would-be Mediator.  
Without any orders from the Central Government, General Chen Kung-yuan, the Tachun of Kiangsi, of his own accord telegraphed to General Lu Yang-tung arranging terms of peace. The following are the terms he has proposed: (1) The resignation of General Li Yuan-hung should be accepted; and General Feng Kwo-chang allowed to remain at his present post as President; (2) Parliament should pass the nomination of General Wang Shihoben as Prime Minister; (3) Proper steps should be allowed to the Administrative Department of the Government when the former Constitution is fixed; (4) The former sections of the Tachun Group should not be investigated. Should General Lu agree to the above proposals, General Chen will secure the restoration of the defunct Parliament.—Peking Daily News.

"B. A. T." Heroes.  
A sad but interesting in Memorial notice appears in the last issue of the B. A. T. Bulletin. "In proud and honourable remembrance of the two hundred fellows—officers, 'n.c.o.'s and men—formerly attached to the staff of the British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., who have fallen in action in the Great War. The 2,000 of their colleagues still serving with the colours on the various fighting fronts or in training, and the management and staff who are left to carry on, join in this expression of grief for these lives so nobly laid down for the world's freedom." To show some appreciation of those of their staff who have had the honour of being mentioned or decorated in the war, the Company makes a present of 50 guineas to every man who has received such a distinction. An extract from a letter from Gen. Sir William Robertson expresses his gratification at the splendid work the members of the Company have been doing.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

Lord Rhonda Loses Weight.  
Lord Rhonda, at Glasgow, said, whether it was due to rationing, or anxiety in his office, he had gone down in weight one and a half stones in the last six months. He was much better for it.

"To Paint the Lily."  
Colonel E. E. Rawson, at the Royal Colonial Institute, produced a large number of examples of what sunlight was able to effect in changing the structure, colour, and foliage of plants by experiments in screening the plants at selected intervals of daylight. Yellows, scarlets, and crimsons were transformed into purples, as well as into one another. Within two years a clump of dahlias had been transformed into a new purple variety known as 'Pretoria', and they were now growing freely in his Hertfordshire garden.

Surgeon's Daring Act.  
It was announced in the Gazette that the King has conferred the Albert Medal on Surgeon Probationer R. S. S. Smith, R. N. V. R., medical officer of one of H. M. ships which was torpedoed by an enemy submarine. When the enemy torpedo struck the ship Surgeon Probationer Smith was in the wardroom aft with the First Lieutenant. The explosion wrecked the wardroom and rendered the lieutenant unconscious. All other exit being blocked, Surgeon Probationer Smith piled the wrecked furniture under the skylight and got the lieutenant through this on deck. He then attended to a Petty Officer who was lying on deck with a broken arm and leg, adjusted and blew up his lifebelt, and after doing the same for the lieutenant got him overboard, as the ship was then foundering. The lieutenant was by then partially conscious, but was again stunned, owing to an explosion when the vessel foundered, and when he was picked up by the boat he was apparently dead. Surgeon Probationer Smith applied artificial respiration until the lieutenant showed signs of life; he afterwards attended to the injured in the boat so far as the circumstances allowed, until they were picked up 43 hours later.

## INTERNATIONAL NAVY.

A Suggestion by U.S. Naval Secretary.

Washington, December 10.—America's idea of what shall constitute naval disarmament after the war has hitherto been expressed only in vague terms, but Mr. Daniels, with the approval of President Wilson, to-day announced that the United States would be willing to contribute its share to an international navy of sufficient force "to give validity to the international decrees" of the peace conference.

The Secretary of the Navy, dealing with the subject of international disarmament in his annual report, just available to-day, gave indeed the first clear idea of what the United States might propose when the nations of the world are gathered together in peace council to decide how the security of the world shall be guaranteed in the future. Mr. Daniels's proposals are directly in line with the President's previous expressed position on a league to enforce peace—so much so, that this phase of the annual report undoubtedly received the careful attention of Mr. Wilson before its publication.

"The immediate hope," writes Daniels, "for a world-wide agreement of the navy-building nations for reduction of armaments through joint action, which I have urged in every previous report, cannot be cherished now that all the world is at war. But if this condition could not be reached in time of peace, may we not believe that it will be one of the compensations for the terrible tragedy of war? The necessity for naval vessels will continue, but among the policies that will be approved in the peace conference that will follow war there should be incorporated a provision guaranteeing an international navy to enforce international decrees. To this international navy, composed of separate naval establishments of all nations, each nation should contribute in proportion to its wealth and population, or upon some plan to insure that no nation can safely challenge the decrees of the high

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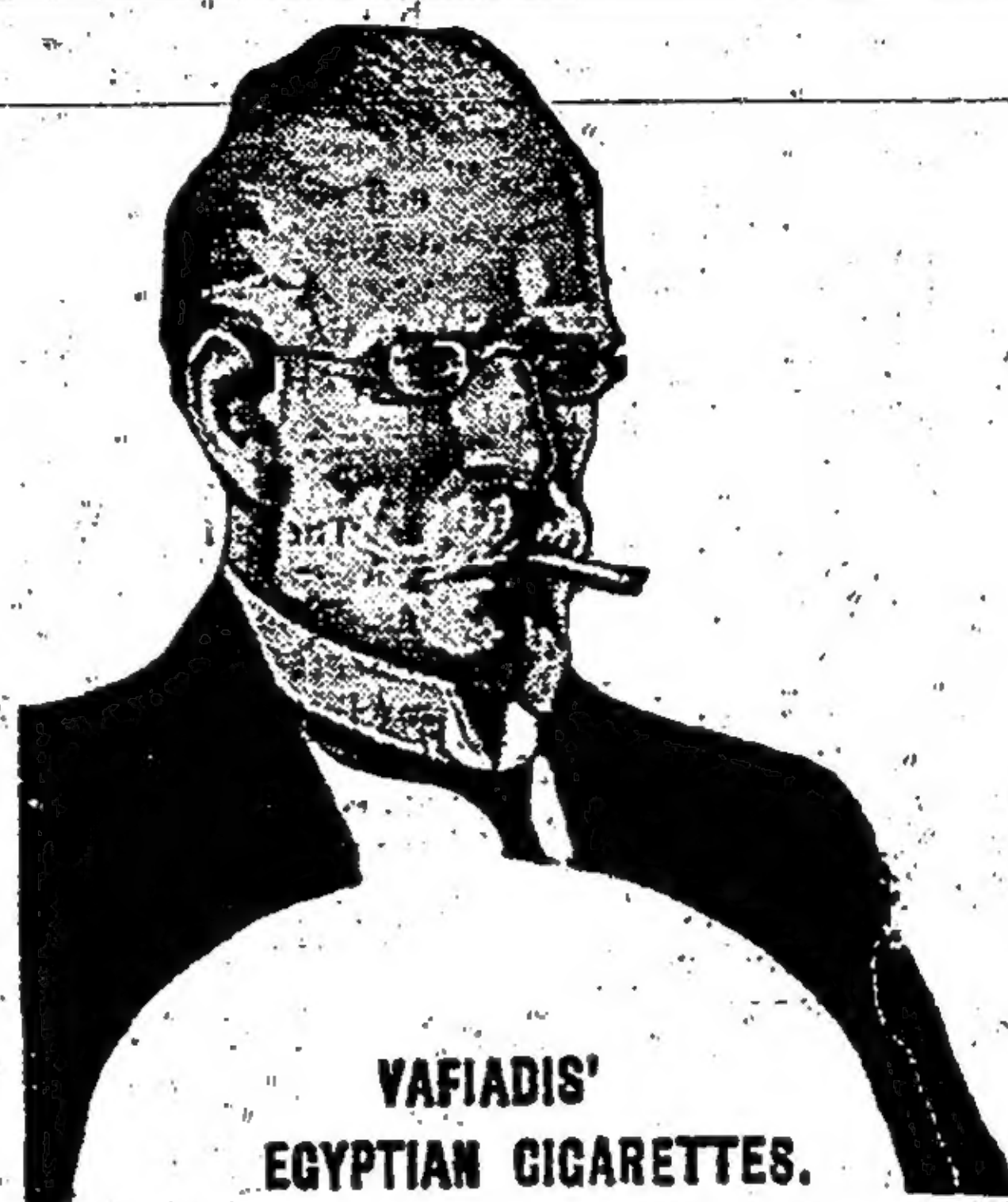
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international court. To such a police of the sea this country will be ready to make full contribution, and to that end the expansion that now crowds all the old and new shipbuilding resources will soon place this country in a position to furnish as many and as powerful ships as will come from any other country. It would be a lasting calamity if, when this war ends, there should linger as a burden upon a people already heavily taxed by war a competitive programme of costly naval construction. This country will, no doubt, take its proper place in bringing about such provisions in the peace treaties as will never again constrain any nation to adapt its naval programme to the programme of some other nation from which there is the compelling menace of possible and unprovoked attack. Such compulsion is the very negative of natural and orderly naval development. It means the tyranny of a programme dictated by apprehension rather than the free choice of national needs and supported by national ideals. An international navy, on the contrary, will make possible such naval development as each nation deems fitting for its own people. It will also serve the 'parliament of man' by providing a naval force ample enough to give validity to international decrees, and strong enough to keep inviolate the peace of the world."

The above paragraph represents a significant advance toward a world organization. When the President first mentioned the possibility of an international combination, which should by force insure the peace of the world, criticism came from Republican, as well as Democratic quarters, notwithstanding that ex-President Taft was sponsor

for the movement. The United States was still neutral, and had not dreamed then of being involved in a world war. Mr. Bryan argued that such a course would be unconstitutional, and objections of various kinds were entered, which indicated that the subject was still regarded as academic and remote of accomplishment. In a certain sense, however, what Mr. Daniels has said will be read with interest by the liberals in Germany, who have argued that the reduction in armaments never could be approved by the Central Powers unless there were some assurance that naval building would cease. "Navalism" has been held up by Germany as an inspiration to jingoism almost as much as the opponents of Germany have condemned militarism. England's efforts to obtain Germany's consent to a naval holiday and America's willingness to enter into an agreement looking toward the same end, as expressed in a resolution by the American Congress approving Winston Churchill's suggestion, furnish incontrovertible evidence, however, of the present German Government's refusal to halt its own naval building programme in the past.

But on the assumption that a new spirit will animate Germany when the war is over, on the assumption that the social and liberal influences of the Central Empires now working for a non-violent peace need a stimulus, the reiteration by the United States of its readiness to participate in an international naval organization is in itself an assurance that the words of President Wilson about the rights of small nations and the right of every nation to determine its own life will be thoroughly supported hereafter, if necessary, by the greatly expanded navy of the United States.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to 19th February, 1918, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors. JOHN ARNOLD, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1918.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY the 5th February, 1918, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1917.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th January to 5th February, 1918, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD. General Managers.


Hongkong, 25th January, 1918.

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. Mortimer O'Sullivan and Mrs. Clarke beg to tender their heartfelt thanks for the numerous letters of sympathy in their recent terrible bereavement, also to the whole community of the Colony for the magnificent tribute of respect shown at the funeral of their late beloved husbands.

## DEATH.

O'SULLIVAN.—At No. 7 Police Station, on the 26th inst. Margaret (Peggy) the dearly-beloved child of Inspector and Mrs. P. O'Sullivan, aged 2½ years.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1918.

## OUR ENEMIES AND PEACE.

Both Germany and Austria Hungary have at last condescended to reply to the Allied statements of war aims as expounded by Mr. Lloyd George and President Wilson, but, after reading the speeches of Count Hertling and Count Czernin, none but the most superficial will detect in the replies any really frank and open desire to approach the great questions involved in a spirit of seeking a reasonable solution of the points at issue. Both utterances are tinged with an attitude of cunning evasion towards essential matters, and both enemy spokesmen appear to regard the Allies as simpletons who can be gulled by bluff and quibbling. It is true that Count Hertling and Count Czernin indulge in a deal of bombast about facing the future with strong confidence in the military strength of their countries, but, while this is so, their replies are, in the main, of a defensive character and each is marked by an obvious undertone of anxiety to secure peace.

Little need be said about Count Czernin's declaration, save that it is rather humbler in character than that of the German Chancellor. In it, one detects a distinctly pacific tone, especially in regard to President Wilson's recent proposals. But how far Austria-Hungary is playing a straightforward and honest game we should not like to say. For the moment, we are more concerned with the Germans than with the Austrians. If evidence is desired of the typical manner in which Germany burks the real issues, it can be found in Count Hertling's avoidance of many of the big issues raised by President Wilson. The German Chancellor posed as being willing to take America's fourteen conditions seriously, but when we analyse his speech we see that under nine headings he absolutely refused to commit himself, while in regard to the other five he completely ignored one and adopted a stand on the others which can in no wise prove acceptable to the Entente. Of the nine proposals upon which he declined to say anything definite, six were calmly brushed aside on the ground that they concerned other nations than Britain, America and France, while all that was ventured concerning the other three was that they would have to be discussed in due time in the peace negotiations. Of course, they will, but what we want from Germany just now is some indication of her views on these all-important points. Her unwillingness to indicate even her broad policy on these matters is sufficient to show the hopelessness of further overtures.

We have not the space, nor even the inclination, closely to examine all the questions raised in Count Hertling's oration. For the most part they carry their own condemnation. But a point may be made on the German Chancellor's references to the freedom of the seas. Count Hertling insists on England relinquishing fortified points on important international sailing routes, Hongkong being among the places mentioned. Here we see proof of Germany's continued hatred and envy of England. The Germans totally ignore the point that the seas have always been free, and they can conceive of nothing more original to offer under this heading than an absurd suggestion for getting a bit of their own back at England's expense, wholly aside from any wish to secure a reasonable state of affairs acceptable to the whole world. All the Colonies mentioned by Count Hertling have ever been as free to German trade and shipping as to that of Britain; there has not been the least discrimination against Germany or any other nation. If Germany had been even moderately wise, that fact alone would have made her hesitate to enter the war, but, in the madness of her world-dominion dreams, she was in too great a hurry to realise that, while all the responsibilities and burdens were borne by Britain in these Colonies, Germany had precisely the same privileges as Englishmen in them. On this question alone, apart from any other, Germany has shown her utter incapacity to be even ordinarily reasonable and intelligent. While she is in her present frame of mind, nothing will be gained by further talking. She has spurned the proposals made to her, and now she must take the full consequences.

## The V. A. D.

The recent annual inspection of the No. 1 Hongkong V. A. D. should serve to remind the public of the utility of such a body of voluntary lady war workers. Here in Hongkong, where we are so far removed from the actual scene of warfare, the members have not the same opportunities for useful work as in the case in the Old Country, where a truly magnificent labour of love is being discharged on behalf of our sick and wounded soldiers and sailors. Major General Ventris did well when he recalled Lord Knutsford's recent declaration that the V.A.D.'s at home had saved the country, for it is undeniable that but for these self-sacrificing women there would have been a big breakdown in the staffing of war hospitals. But though V.A.D. workers here have not the same opportunities as their sisters at home, the training they receive is of the utmost value, and for that reason we sincerely hope that the local Detachment will continue to grow in strength as time goes on.

## The Arming of Policemen.

As the letter by "Policeman" which we published in Saturday's issue, unquestionably calls for at least an explanation, we shall deal with it briefly. We do not propose to do more than note the reference to "disturbances," "armchair critics" and such like phrases, and to say that they are provocative only of a smile. But what we are concerned about is the erroneous impression "Policeman," in his letter, attempts to convey regarding what has appeared in local newspapers as to the efficient arming of police officers while on duty. All that was conveyed (and conveyed in language courteous, kindly, very carefully considered, and likewise in marked contrast to some of the expressions used by "Policeman") was that such arming should be a matter of regulation, particularly with reference to what might best be termed "the more risky duties" that fall to the policeman's lot. We do not wish to make this a matter of controversy, otherwise we might reiterate what we have said on the subject and, at the same time, expose the shallowness of most of "Policeman's" crude arguments. No one suggests that the police, when carrying out searches, should brandish their weapons about indiscriminately; surely they could conceal them. The whole point is that an armed policeman obviously has a better chance of defending himself than an unarmed one—whether the circumstances are exceptional or otherwise.

## An Immortal MacLean.

Scotmen are truly wonderful men. Before to-day, we confess that we had never heard of the name or fame of Mr. MacLean of Glasgow, but that it is a name to be remembered is evident from the fact that, as one of the telegrams points out, he has been elected Honorary President of the Soviets, which of course is enough to immortalise any man. We all know what the Soviets "stand for" in Russia. We all know the deplorable chaos to which they have reduced that unhappy country, and we know the ridiculous figure they still present to the rest of the world. Therefore, one is curious to know why this son of the Empire's "Second City"—the great commercial metropolis on the banks of the Clyde—has allowed his name to be mixed up with such a band of hopelessly impracticable fanatics. We yield to no one in our respect and, sometimes, in our admiration for Scotmen. To us their many excellent qualities, to say nothing of their picturesque dress (which is seldom seen in Scotland) their kilt and tartan, their bagpipes and "a" that, are to us, a never-failing source of joy. That one of their countrymen should, therefore, countenance (as apparently he has done) the erratic, Bolshevik, Maximalist, Trotskyite, Leninist or whatever, in the name of all that is wonderful, is the correct appellation of Russia's so-called rulers, is to us not only a matter of profound astonishment but one that moves us almost to tears. Surely, it is "up to" Scotmen to inquire into this matter with all the gravity that the affair demands.

## DAY BY DAY.

IMMODEST WORDS ADMIT OF NO OFFENCE.  
FOR WANT OF DECKNOY IS WANT OF SENSE.—Earl of Rosemon.

To-morrow's Anniversary.  
To-morrow is the anniversary of the institution of the Victoria Cross (1856).

The Dollar.  
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 11½d. The closing rate will be found on Page 1.

Religious Meeting.  
The weekly religious meeting of the Helena May Institute on Tuesday afternoon at 5.30 o'clock will be conducted by the Rev. J. K. Macnachie, who will give the third of a series on "Teachings of Christ with regard to daily life." The meeting is open to all women.

Detective's Sudden Death.  
A Chinese detective, Wong Kau, aged 38, told his wife, on arriving home yesterday, that he felt very cold. She sent for a doctor, who found the man was suffering from heart failure, death taking place almost immediately after the doctor's arrival. There are no suspicious circumstances in connection with the case and there is no trace of either plague or small pox.

Thefts from Dye-works.  
At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. B. Wood, a Chinese was charged with breaking into the dye-works in Nathan Road on Friday night. It was stated by Sergeant Tull-oh that the defendant was arrested by an Indian watchman, who saw the man breaking off an iron bar at a window. Several thefts of cloth had lately occurred at the works. His Worship adjourned the case until to-morrow.

The "Court Cards."  
This highly talented and extremely versatile little Concert Party concluded their series of entertainments at the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening when again they gave of their best and pleased everybody present. This morning they left for Sharnah, where, we understand, they will give one performance, which no doubt will be very highly appreciated by the European population of that "tight little island."

Death of Another Gresson Street Robber.  
In yesterday's issue we reported that another of the robbers connected with the Gresson Street affair, and who had been under treatment at the Government Civil Hospital, had died on Saturday afternoon. It now transpires that this man was the last to be got out of the house, he being injured by the bomb which the police threw into the backyard. He was also suffering from shot wounds, one of which was thought to be self-inflicted.

The Begging Nuisance.  
No less than nine mendicants, most of whom have been sent away from Hongkong several times by the Police, were charged before Mr. Dyer Bell, at the Police Court this morning, with being stowaways on board the s.s. Kin-shan, from Canton. It was stated by Sergeant Davitt that none had sufficient money to pay the fare, and they were all coming back to Hongkong to beg. There was a great deal of this sort of thing going on, and it ought to be stopped. The purser of the ship said that they always found one or two such men on board but generally let them go. Each defendant was fined \$2, or seven days, and was warned not to come back when sent away again.

Possession of Opium.  
A Chinese woman was charged before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with the unlawful possession of nine ten taels of prepared opium. It was stated by Revenue Officer Lannigan that the drug was concealed in a specially made waistcoat which the woman was found wearing. Defendant, who said that she had bought the opium in Amoy, was fined \$1,000, or six months' hard labour. Another woman was charged with possessing twenty taels of the drug. Her story was that she had come from Amoy and that a man on board the steamer offered her \$20 to take the parcel ashore. His Worship imposed a similar fine.

## SCENE IN COURT.

## A Conscientious Objector's Case.

Before Mr. Justice Rowlatt in the High Court of Justice, recently, Wyndham James Albany, a chartered accountant of Abbey-gardens, St. John's Wood, applied for a rule nisi for a writ of certiorari directed to the County of London Appeal Tribunal. He said that in June, 1916, he obtained conditional exemption from the Hampstead local tribunal on the grounds that he had a conscientious objection, that service would be a hardship, and that he was doing work of national importance. Later, the exemption was withdrawn, and he appealed to the County of London Appeal Tribunal, his appeal being dismissed. On his failure to report for service he was charged with being an absentee.

When the charge was heard his counsel protested that certain documents had not been produced and that the proceedings were out of order. The Justices, however, ordered him to be handed over to an escort. Afterwards he was Court-martialled for refusing to obey orders, but had been released on condition that he took civil proceedings. He had been in prison for three months. On July 30 last he proceeded against Colonel J. A. Hope, M.P., and another officer, and the Court of Appeal held that his complaint was not against them, but against the Appeal Tribunal.

Mr. Justice Darling read a report from the local tribunal, which stated that the applicant had refused to be medically examined, that he was a member of the Independent Labour Party, and that, though he objected to any form of non-combatant service, he did not mind working professionally for controlled firms, from whom he received remuneration. The tribunal refused the application made by him on conscientious grounds.

The applicant suggested that, if the Court would make an order directed to the London Appeal Tribunal, there were legal measures which could be taken to enforce it.

Mr. Justice Darling.—Do you mean the police?

Mr. Justice Rowlatt.—You mean the use of force? Have you not a conscientious objection to using force?

The applicant.—My objection is not to using force in a legitimate way. I am not an anarchist. Warfare is anarchy, and is the opposite to legal force.

Mr. Justice Darling.—Warfare is the last resource if you do not obey the order of this Court. The applicant.—Warfare is a squabble between various peoples. Mr. Justice Darling.—I want to know how you reconcile your conscience with your request to us to direct force to be used on your behalf.

The applicant.—Warfare is the opposite to the enforcement of order. Mr. Justice Darling said that the applicant was a member of the Independent Labour Party, who considered that war was unjust, and he would not undertake even non-combatant work. He did not object, however, to doing work for remuneration for controlled firms.

The applicant read from an affidavit, in which he stated that he might have to apply for a mandamus.

After further argument, Mr. Justice Rowlatt said that applicant had shown no grounds for a writ of certiorari.

His Lordship added:—"I have some serious business in another Court." He then left the Bench.

Mr. Justice Darling.—I cannot proceed alone. The application is refused.

## GERMANY'S ONE QUESTION.

"Will Italy Consent to Peace Soon?"

A special correspondent of the Daily News writes:

Lugano, Nov. 6.—I have been fortunate in meeting to-day an Italian Swiss who rushed off to Germany just after the offensive opened to see for himself what the sphinx-like German public thought of it all, and after a full and not unexciting three days' visit has just returned here. The impressions derived during this lightning trip prove how widespread was the delusion in Germany that the successes in Italy signified an early peace with Italy. He said:—

"Everyone was greatly excited on the other side of the frontier at Basle. The Customs officials and detectives at Leopoldsdorfer, where there the papers and luggage of the passengers were examined, cracked jokes in a most unofficial way.

"You'd better hurry to Berlin if you want to get in time for the bells," said the official to me in French, as he scanned my passport.

"Bells? I asked, puzzled. "Why, the bells proclaiming peace," he replied. "The Italians will sue for peace before we go much further in their beautiful Italy. We may have to wait another month, perhaps two. We may have to enter Milan before we bring them to their knees."

"I spent two days in Berlin. I had a letter of introduction to the principal of a munitions factory, and he in turn deputised one of his managers to show me round the capital. Women officials of all kinds and wounded soldiers abound in the streets, but life within certain limitations seems gay and radiant. My guide, who had evidently been commissioned to try and impress a neutral, more particularly, I suppose, an Italian-speaking neutral, took me for afternoon tea to a fashionable tea-shop, which crowded with an elegant, fashionable-dressed company. Officers predominated among the men—smart men who showed no trace of trench mud on their clothes—and every woman present was well-gowned, if all were not beautiful.

"You see how pleased everyone is at the prospect of peace," explained one of our party, a manufacturer. Another made a sweeping gesture with his hand. "Look at these people," he said. "They are happy, well-fed, in the best of spirits. Do you really think the nation they stand for can be crushed? Why don't our enemies shake hands with us and make friends? I'm making a fortune out of the war, but this state of things cannot continue indefinitely."

"My friends were called away for business appointments, and handed me over to their companion. 'I'm an intellectual Socialist,' he explained to me. 'Between ourselves, I accept the theory that the German military caste is largely responsible for the war. The violation of Belgium was a terrible blunder which we cannot get away from. I am against the Kaiser and the Crown Prince. We want a constitutional monarchy in Germany. Do you think Italy will make peace?' I asked him whether Socialism was making much progress among the German working classes. 'Our working men are making too much money to think about Socialism. The terribly difficult food problem is making rebels of the women. Do you think Italy will make peace?'

The applicant did not leave, but continued to protest. The Bench moved towards him. Meanwhile, a barrister's clerk, who has been in the front and who had been discharged through wounds, seized the applicant, and, crying, "You— It is for the likes of you that I have been wounded," hustled him from the Court.

Two women, who had accompanied the applicant to the Court, protested loudly against what had occurred.—The Times

## TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Lord Northcliffe's manifesto declining the presidency of the Air Council leads to a certain interest in a passage in the recent volume on "Lloyd George and the War," by an Independent Liberal (a pen-name which, it is believed, encloses at least a dual personality). Speaking of the formation of Mr. Lloyd George's Administration last December, the writer, or writers, say:—"Neither Mr. Churchill nor Lord Northcliffe was offered a place. The new Premier was not in a position to approach either of them at the time. He had given a promise to the Unionist stalwarts not to do so. Cincinatus Churchill returned to his farm in Sussex, and the other, with keen journalistic instinct, announced, after he knew that he would not be asked, that he did not seek and would not accept office. There is clearly no question about Lord Northcliffe being asked this time. His refusal of the invitation must leave Mr. Lloyd George regretting he ever extended it. He will have alienated half his supporters by his advances to Lord Northcliffe and has not even secured Lord Northcliffe as a set-off.

Writing in the N.C. Daily News on the right use of "was" and "were," a correspondent says:—"I respectfully suggest that if we say 'The Council was using the governing body' we are using 'was' correctly because we refer to the Council as an undivided whole. If we say 'The Council, after the meeting, was eating sandwiches,' we are using 'was' incorrectly, because the sentence conveys the idea that the Council, as a whole—that is, presumably, with one mouth—consumed sandwiches. Therefore one would prefer 'The Council, after the meeting, were eating sandwiches.' It is in many cases true that "was" and "were" are both permissible, each in its own proper circumstances. If we use "was" it must be when its nominative is to be regarded as a whole and with no special idea as to the parts making up the whole. If we use "were" it must be when the idea conveyed by the predicate is that the parts of the whole are called into function, either directly or by implication. It is a safe rule to use always the plural, "are," "were," etc. taking care that the rest of the sentence agrees, e.g. "The class were being examined in their (not 'its') classroom."

The formation of the League of British Jews is an interesting sign of times. It does not so much represent a split in the Anglo-Jewish community as a despairing attempt on the part of those who have in the main figured as Jewish leaders, to make it appear they are not anti-democratic. They are against Zionism, which is a movement appealing to the masses, and the British Government's pronouncement in favour of the Zionist aims as to Palestine has put them in something of a quandary. A further interest attaches to the appointment of Major Lionel de Rothschild, M.P., as President, for his cousin, Lord Rothschild, is with the Zionists, and Mr. Balfour's letter giving the Government's blessing to Zionism was addressed to him. This is the first time the tradition of the solidarity of the Rothschilds has been broken.

M. Clemenceau, the noted French politician, began life as a doctor at Nantes, spent some time in the United States—he married an American lady—and on his return to France plunged into politics and journalism. In the nineties his articles on the Panama affair involved him in violent controversies and the usual duels. He fought the unforgettable Deroudele, and Drumont, of the Libre Parole. At a later date, in the Aurore, he was one of the foremost champions of Dreyfus, and it was his article in that same paper which is said to have turned the scale in favour of Papa Lohet at the Presidential election. His escapades with the Gendarm during the war in connection with his papers, L'Homme Libre and Le No less outspoken successor, L'Homme Basche, will be familiar history.



## ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

## Annual Distribution of Prizes.

There was a large gathering of parents of scholars and their friends at St. Joseph's College on Saturday afternoon, when the annual distribution of prizes took place. The new hall was used for the function and was very nicely adorned with flags, etc. The choir was taken by the Hon. Mr. H. F. Pollock, K. O., who was accompanied by Mrs. Pollock, those also present including the Rev. Father de Maria (Director of Catholic Schools), the Rev. Father Spada, the Rev. Father Noval and many others. The proceedings opened with a most enjoyable concert given by the junior boys of the College, this being greatly enjoyed. The programme was as follows:—Overture, Prof. O. Baptista; chorale, Ye Mariners of England, the College Choir; recitation, The Tramp Musician's "Home, Sweet Home," Master A. M. Xavier; quartette, Larkwood Watch, Master M. Silva, C. Omand, A. M. Xavier, and A. Tavares; piano duet, Masters M. Silva and E. Garvalho; recitation, The Prize Winners, Master J. Uigubart, J. Noronha, S. Garrod, E. MacDonnell, E. Noronha, A. Botelho, A. Azvedo, and A. Wahr; chorale, The Wolf is on the Hill, The College Choir.

## The Prize List.

At the conclusion of the concert, the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Pollock, the winners being as follows:—

Class VIII A.—V. Rodrigues, K. Ishimatsu, M. Medina, A. M. da Silva, H. Pinna, C. Marques, I. Fernandez, B. d'Almeida, Y. Chow, P. de Rozario, L. A. Sequeira.

Class VIII B.—Fung Tak Yui, Francis Lee, Fung Tak Chin, Yeung Kin Paw, Wong Chin, Cheong, Iu Kuen, Chan Mi Tong, Ho Suk Yee, Lo Ting Kee, Ho Chee Leung.

Class VII A.—C. Silva, C. Asumpcao, E. Montalto, J. Lee, P. Oroco, E. Oles, P. Castilho, F. Silva, M. Franco, A. Remedios.

Class VII B.—Peter Hui, P. Hon Yean, Maria Ng, K. Lun Ying, C. Hin Kwok, Lau Hong, L. Yuen Chun, T. Loi Kei, W. Lai Bui, C. Man Shing.

Class VI A.—E. Olsen, A. M. Xavier, P. Garcia, T. Braga, M. Fishman, L. Ribeiro, E. Noronha, H. Remedios, L. Remedios, A. Gossano.

Class VI B.—M. Silva, F. Young, A. Segal, J. Ward, F. Barros, M. Tye-Wye, A. Brown, L. de Faria, E. Souza, D. Xavier.

Class VI C.—Y. Man Hoi, T. Hark Yim, C. Sik Wing, T. Ip Kan, C. Kwang Yung, Yeung Fook, L. Kam Ting, H. Shou Cheong, L. Tung Wing, M. Yuk Ting.

Class V A.—H. Barros, A. E. Ribeiro, Arthur de Jesus, L. Pinna, J. M. Alves, A. Tse Tak On, L. Ribeiro, S. Conception, Michael Lob, C. Cunha.

Class V B.—A. Cambe, S. Hachima, A. Botelho, H. Braga, J. Uigubart, J. Edgar, G. Pinna, A. Edgar, E. Marriott, A. Rozario.

Class V C.—L. Yee Cheong, L. Chuek Pui, Leung Wing, L. Man Yip, P. Kwong In, T. Nam Fong, M. Yun Choi, P. Yee Sang, L. Chui Pin, S. Kwok Wah.

Class IV A.—Kai Yip (Old Boys' Scholarship), (Chun Chung, Yee Yuen, S. Garrod, A. Azvedo, J. Noronha, E. Noronha, Kwok Leung, M. Umamoto, A. Tavares.

Class IV B.—Wah Pin (Old Boys' Scholarship), M. Ono, H. Silva, L. Lebedel, Rahmin, Abbas, B. Aubouy, L. Marques, A. Wahr, J. Uigubart.

Preliminary Class.—Chow Tung To (Lugard Scholarship), Ho Man Kai, F. V. Ribeiro, Frank Tse Yat, F. Barwald, A. M. Gomes, V. Xavier, E. M. Franco, Nai Kawn, L. D'Almada.

Junior Class.—General Proficiency and Distinction in English:—N. Braga, (Brother Peter's Memorial Scholarship).

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Religious Knowledge:—1st E. Aubouy; 2nd W. Michael.

Mathematics:—1st J. Xavier; 2nd Chow Fong.

History:—1st W. Michael; 2nd K. Erani.

English Literature:—E. V. de Souza, (Sir N. H. Mody's Gold Medal).

Mathematics:—1st Chow Yick Sing; 2nd Bin Chang Lin.

Modern Languages:—1st Jose Basto, (Portuguese); 2nd J. Corominas, (French); 3rd E. Sahmet, (French).

Chinese:—1st Chow Yick Sing, (Li Shek Pang Gold Medal); 2nd J. Binchang Lin.

History and Geography:—1st Chow Yick Sing; 2nd J. Binchang Lin.

Drawing:—J. J. Basto.

Book-keeping:—1st Chow Yick Sing; 2nd J. Binchang Lin.

Trigonometry:—1st J. Binchang Lin; 2nd E. V. de Souza.

Hongkong University Examination. Matriculation (Passes):—Ernest Sahmet, J. Binchang Lin, J. J. Basto, J. Corominas, E. V. de Souza, Chow Yick Sing.

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The Annual Report. Brother Amar read the Annual Report for 1917, as follows:—

I have very great pleasure in welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Pollock in our midst this afternoon and beg to extend the same hearty welcome to all here for honouring us with their presence. The school year under review has been an eventful one for the College, as the brief record of events hereafter presented will show. The number of scholars enrolled during the year was 154, and the average attendance 519; 85 are boarders.

Mr. Ralphs inspected the College last June, and reported the equipment satisfactory and the discipline very good. He noted that the syllabus is similar to that followed in previous years, except that, as in Government schools, algebra and geometry are no longer taught in Classes 4 and 5. The time saved is given to English subjects and arithmetic. The Inspector's general report is as follows:—"In all classes written work was examined and found to be very good throughout. It was found that weak points to which attention was drawn at the last inspection have been carefully attended to, with satisfactory results."

I find that, as in previous years, all exercises books are regularly corrected by the Masters and then inspected by the Director or Sub-Director. Test examinations are held at intervals throughout the year. In Class 8A there is again an improvement in discipline, and also in the work of the class generally. This class is, I consider, one of special difficulty, and the Brother who has taught the class for some 15 years deserves every praise. Special mention must be made of the Drawing in many of the classes where it is encouraged by the Masters. In Class 4A the Crayon Drawing is very good, and in Class 4B Drawing is particularly well taught on intelligent methods. In Reading and Conversation constant efforts require to be devoted to pronunciation which, though good, is in many cases capable of improvement."

Six candidates passed the Matriculation and 3 the Senior Local Examination of the University of Hongkong; 34 passed the Junior Local, making a total of 37; Noel Braga obtained Distinction in English, E. Aubouy and E. Vabois in Drawing. The percentage of Passes was 50 in the Matriculation and Senior Examination, and 85 in the Junior. 31 candidates entered for the Preliminary Oxford Local: the results are not yet known. I believe public examinations have their value. Although the results of the Matriculation and Senior are on the whole satisfactory, I shall not be satisfied unless our Senior candidates do much better this year and attain a record of over 80% as in 1915 and 1916. The danger from public examinations is when people come to think the success or not of a school can be measured by merely counting the number of boys who pass them. An examination can only partially test the work of a school. The training of a boy is a threefold task: he must be given the opportunity of training his intelligence by hard study, his physical powers by regular exercise and hard play, and above all his character by strict discipline at home and in school.

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The Headmistress read the report of the school which showed continued progress, and she also outlined the hardships experienced during the past decade in bringing up the school to the present standard. At the beginning of the school ten years ago, there were only about ten pupils, and at present the roll had increased to 150 scholars.

Songs, recitations and speeches were then given by the girls, and were greatly applauded by the guests. Several of the gentlemen and lady visitors and teachers were requested to give speeches on the subject of the importance of Chinese girls being educated at present.

Sixteen of the pupils received their certificates, while prizes of books and other articles were distributed by the Headmistress. The Chinese Y. M. C. A. band was in attendance. Later the guests were entertained to tea and cakes.

would turn out useful men in the future as it was doing at the present time. The scholars there were the trustees of the future generations and he sincerely hoped and prayed that they would prove worthy of the trust placed in them and that they would carry forward the credit and reputation of St. Joseph's College. (Applause).

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## More News Ships Wanted.

A joint deputation of employers and men engaged in shipbuilding, in placing before the Premier suggestions for securing the greatest output of new ships, recently expressed a desire to set up a representative body for the settling of all difficulties and disputes. Mr. Lloyd George, in his reply, said he hoped that was the beginning of a better understanding between employers and men in the vital industries of the country, because without that understanding there was nothing but trouble, distraction, and loss of production. He continued:—We cannot afford loss of production. We are fighting for our lives. We have terrible struggles on land before us, but if we are secure on the seas well, to use a phrase, we have "got them".

they cannot escape us. We have got them in a deadly grip, and knowing the character of the people of this country as I do, they do not let go once they have started. That is their historical character, and the German knows it. He is aware that our grip is a deadly one once we begin, and he is trying to unloose it. He is attempting to get us at what he considers is the most vulnerable point—namely, our communications on the seas. He will not succeed, but it depends very largely on you employers and you leaders of the men, and you can only get the best results by goodwill and co-operation, and by throwing the whole of your energy and strength into the task. I cannot tell you how cheered I am by the fact that you have come here to say:—"We want to work together, we want to settle our disputes among ourselves, and we want the Government Departments to cease overlapping and to assist us to do the work." That is the way in which we will win, and I want you especially to try to prevent the little disputes which concern neither the employer nor the Government—little "disputes" between various trades on questions of demarcation—from stopping the work. You know it is a great misfortune that it should happen. It really does not matter to you whether a carpenter does the work or a joiner does the work. But there are little things of that kind happening; the great thing is that somebody should do the work and should do it without any loss of time. Therefore I want you to use the influence of your great unions to prevent disputes of that kind interfering with the output.

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## CONSIGNEES



## LOCAL SPORT.

## SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL.

## UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

H.K.D.C. v. Middlesex Regt.  
In this match the teams were as follows:—

Middlesex Regt.—Turner; Fisher, Fawthrop; Allen, Fawthrop, Turner; Watts, Bravington, Jarvis, Cook, Walden.

H.K.D.C.—Goldenberg; McCubben, Cave; Balston, Rodger, Stewart; Woods, Pascoe, McTavish, Grimmett, Morrison.

Referee.—Mr. Loach.

Played on the Club Ground, and resulted in a win for the Middlesex by 1 goal to nil. This is their first win in the League, and on Saturday's form it should not be the last. Their win is by no means a fluke, as they played the better football, and in consequence did most of the attacking. Walden in the first half put in some very fine centres and on several occasions tested Goldenberg, but the latter was very safe. At the other end, McTavish and Grimmett both tested Turner, but the shots were cleared with little difficulty. The H.K. Defence forwards were somewhat disjointed, the extreme wing men being very weak, especially the right. Just before half-time, Goldenberg brought off a good save at the expense of a corner from a drive by Walden, from which no advantage was gained. Half-time.—No score.

Play in the second half was fairly even, but the Middlesex were much more dangerous in front of goal. McTavish made one or two efforts to break through on his own, but beyond that the Corps did not look like scoring. From a mixed medley in front of goal at the other end, Jarvis kicked the ball into the net, giving the goalies no chance of saving, the Middlesex running out winners as previously stated.

R.G.A. v. Navy.

Played on the Navy Ground, and resulted in a win for the Gunners by 1 goal to nil. The teams were:—

Navy.—Crocker; Bathurst, Biggs, Hollonby, Smith, Morris; Cape, Lutton, Clarke, Llewellyn, Travis.

R.G.A.—Taylor; Gretton, Dickenson; Jones, Telford, Townsend; Green, Edgeler, Hall, Halls, Baxter.

Referee.—Mr. Wright.

Both teams were short of some of their regular players, and in consequence the standard of play was not so good as one might expect. The Gunners did most of the attacking, but the Navy missed a glorious chance of taking the lead soon after the start. Bathurst and Biggs played quite a good game at back in place of Crocker and Bisco, who could not turn out. Half-time.—No score.

In the second half the Gunners continued to have the best of the game, but their shooting left much to be desired. There is no doubt that the Gunners' strength is in their defence. It was well into the second half before Townsend gave the soldiers the lead, which they retained until the end.

Result.—R.G.A. 1; Navy, 0.

HONGKONG LEAGUE—DIV. 2.

Kowloon v. 87th Co. R.G.A.

Played on the Club Ground.

The teams were as follows:—

Kowloon.—Jennings; Jones, White; Van Langenberg, Abbar, Remussen; Taylor, Masden, Knight, Tatam, Satton.

87th Co. R.G.A.—Oandy; Devine, Knight; Bone, Hancock, Egham; Watkinson, Harris, Small, Saunders, McGregor.

Play in the first half favoured the soldiers, and Jennings was kept busy, but he allowed nothing to go past him. At the other end, Satton put in some good centres, but they were not accepted to any advantage. Half-time.—No score.

The second half was about ten minutes old when goals came in rapid succession, all of which were to the credit of Kowloon. Knight scored the first, Abbas the second, Satton the third, and Knight again adding another. All this occurred within the period of ten minutes. The R.G.A. made

a strenuous effort to reduce the lead, but could not do so. Result.—Kowloon, 4; 87th Co. R.G.A., 0.

St. Joseph's College v. Middlesex Reserves.

Played on the Navy Ground and resulted in a win for the College by 5 goals to nil. The Reserves were no match for their opponents, who were much too good for them. The marksmen for the winners were Hyndman (2), Ogley (2), and Marcell, 1.

Hongkong Schools' Football.

On Wednesday next, January 30, on Queen's College Ground, Lt.-Col. John Ward, M.P., will present the trophies and medals to the successful teams in the Senior and Junior competitions.

The winners of the Senior League are Queen's College, who are unbeaten. The final of the Junior Cup Competition between St. Stephen's College 2nd and Wanchai School will be played at 2.15; an exhibition match, Queen's College v. The Best, will be played at 3.30; and the presentation will take place at 4.30. The following will represent The Best.—W. Michael (St. Joseph's); Tong Sheu Yan (Diocesan); and Fan Nam (St. Stephen's); Kwok Pok Hing (St. Stephen's); S. A. M. Spher (St. Joseph's); and Ng Hung Tai (St. Paul's); B. A. Hyder (St. Joseph's); J. Silva (St. Joseph's); In Po Hang (St. Paul's); Kor Ba Leuk (Diocesan); and Wong Kap Tang (St. Stephen's). Reserves:—Liu Ka Po (St. Stephen's); Wong Kam Cheung (St. Paul's); O. Mackenzie (Diocesan); Leung Kin (St. Paul's); Tam Cheung Huen (St. Stephen's); and L. Xavier (St. Joseph's).

CRICKET.

Hongkong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.

These old rivals met on the Club ground on Saturday, a most interesting match resulting in a draw in Kowloon's favour. The visitors went first to the wickets and when the score had reached a round 200 they declared for the loss of six wickets. The outstanding feature was Stalker's finely played 115 not out, he having carried his bat through from the very opening. His score included one six and sixteen fours. The Club started their innings shortly after four o'clock, Pearce and Maribel being first men in. Their partnership was quite fruitful, exactly ninety runs being registered before Pearce was bowled by Stalker. Maribel was eventually caught for 73, four wickets being then down for 163. Scoring was now slow, and when stumps were drawn the score read 170 for seven wickets. Scores:—

Kowloon.

F. Wheeler, b. Donnelly ... 6

J. Stalker, not out ... 115

J. H. Mead, b. Morgan ... 16

A. A. Claxton, c. Murray, b. Donnelly ... 4

P. H. Cobb, b. Donnelly ... 4

L. J. Blackburn, l.b.w. b. Donnelly ... 4

J. P. Robinson, c. Donnelly, b. Pearce ... 29

E. E. Jossland, not out ... 12

L. E. S. Hodge, b. Pestonji ... 1

A. de Souza did not bat

Extras ... 10

Total (for 8 wickets) ... 200

Bowling.

O. M. R. W.

Donnelly ... 18 0 88 4

Morgan ... 12 0 65 1

Pearce ... 7 0 37 1

Hongkong.

J. E. Pearce, b. Stalker ... 36

H. E. Maribel, c. Stalker, b. Cobb ... 73

Capt. E. H. Gray, b. Cobb ... 5

D. E. Donnelly, c. Wheeler, b. Stalker ... 13

Lt. H. E. Murray, b. Cobb ... 18

M. M. Mass, run out ... 9

R. P. Thorsfield, not out ... 4

B. Kennedy, b. Pestonji ... 1

F. Satton, F. W. S. Evans, Lt. Col. Morgan did not bat

Extras ... 20

Total (for 7 wickets) ... 170

Bowling.

O. M. R. W.

Cobb ... 18 2 55 3

Pestonji ... 10 3 43 1

Stalker ... 6 0 47 2

C. R. C. v. Navy.

Played at Happy Valley, the result being a draw in favour of the Navy. The navalmen betted

first and declared for the loss of one wicket at 229, Commander Gibson being 115 not out. The former's score included one five and fifteen fours. In reply, the C.R.C. put up 151 for four wickets, when stumps were drawn, Ng Sze-kwong being 51 not out. Scores:—

Navy.

A. P. Wild, b. Un How Fan ... 16

Sig. Hack, not out ... 99

Commander Gibson, not out ... 115

Sub. Lieut. Oary, A. P. Robinson, A. B. Henley, Lt. St. Godfrey, Pte. Slacey, P. O. Bracey, Lt. Sgn. Ryder did not bat

Extras ... 10

Total (for 1 wkt.) ... 229

Bowling.

O. M. R. W.

Un How Fan ... 17 2 84 1

Yew Man Tau ... 7 0 39 0

Ng Sze Kwong ... 9 0 44 0

H. Ching ... 5 0 25 0

G. Lee ... 3 0 26 0

C. R. C.

Yew Man Tsun, c. Oary, b. Gibson ... 47

Ho Wing Kin, c. Hack, b. Robinson ... 5

Chos Man Ping, b. Gibson ... 21

Ng Sze Kwong, not out ... 51

Un How Fan, b. Henley ... 4

Geo Lee, not out ... 9

Kwok Shui Yan, H. Ching, Wei Lee Son, J. Wong, J. B. Chan, did not bat

Extras ... 14

Total (for 4 wickets) ... 151

Bowling.

O. M. R. W.

Com. Gibson ... 16 3 41 2

Robertson ... 5 0 32 1

Hack ... 8 1 35 0

Godfrey ... 4 0 20 0

Henley ... 4 1 9 1

Royal Engineers v. Middlesex.

This game ended in an easy win for the Engineers, who dismissed their opponents for 38 and responded with 115 for eight wickets, Basker himself exactly equalling the combined Middlesex score. Details:—

Middlesex.

L/O. Batterworth, run out ... 1

L/O. Tebbutt, b. Oripwell ... 5

Pte. Grove, c. Reakes, b. Oripwell ... 1

Pte. Woodward, b. Reakes ... 0

Pte. Smith, b. Oripwell ... 3

Pte. Parnell, b. Oripwell ... 3

Lt. Cooper, c. Osborne, b. Oripwell ... 0

Lt. Dickenson, not out ... 11

Pte. Haseman, b. Reakes ... 8

L/O. Thompson, l.b.w. b. Reakes ... 0

Reakes ... 0

Lt. Lively, b. Reakes ... 0

Extras ... 10

Total ... 38

Bowling.

O. M. R. W.

Reakes ... 9 1 2 18 4

Oripwell ... 9 3 14 5

Royal Engineers.

Sgt. McGregor, retired ... 17

Opl. Adams, b. Parnell ... 10

Opl. Osborne, b. Parnell ... 4

O. Q. M. S. Reakes, b. Tebbutt ... 38

Spr. Waller, not out ... 23

Lt. Wahl, c. Thompson, b. Batterworth ... 0

Opl. Heath, c. Grove, b. Batterworth ... 0

Spr. Millard, b. Smith ... 6

S. S. Oripwell, b. Dickenson ... 6

L/O. Pascoal and L/O. Townsend did not bat

Extras ... 11

Total (for 8 wickets) ... 115

Bowling.

O. M. R. W.

Cooper ... 10 2 34 0

Parnell ... 7 2 16 2

Tebbutt ... 4 0 23 1

Batterworth ... 3 0 8 2

Smith ... 3 0 8 1

Woodward ... 2 1 4 0

Dickenson ... 2 6 11 1

R. G. A. v. University.

This was an easy victory for the University, who won by 59 runs with a wicket in hand. Scores:—

R. G. A.

Br. Athorne, c. Brayshaw, b. Marley ... 28

Br. Dix, c. Wright, b. Marley ... 0

Br. Drummond, b. Marley ... 0

Br. Perkins, c. Jack, b. Brayshaw ... 7

Lt. Wilkinson, b. Brayshaw ... 7

Lt. Baker, run out ... 1

Br. Mann, c. Fane, b. Brayshaw ... 2

Gr. Smith, b. Brayshaw ... 1

Gr. Sharmun, b. Brayshaw ... 20

C. Q. M. S. Reas, b. Brayshaw ... 1

Gr. Baines, not out ... 7

Extras ... 7

Total ... 55

N. L. R. v. B. L.

Gen's Singles Handicap.—Mr. N. L. R. v. B. L.

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